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H. UEMURA, et al.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

On March 14, 2002, the Examiner telephoned to inform us of an oral restriction requirement among the following two groups:

Group I, comprising claims 1-19, and drawn to in vivo method of making a product; and

Group II, comprising claims 20-24, drawn to an in vitro use of the product made.

On March 15, Mr. Roger Browdy telephoned the examiner to inquire about claims 25-29, which were added in a second preliminary amendment filed August 3, 2001. The Examiner informed Mr. Browdy that he (the Examiner) would consult with his supervisor and call back in about a week. To date there has been no further communication from the Examiner.

Attempts to telephone Examiner Liu on March 22,

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April 1 and April 11, 2002, were unsuccessful, as the message on the telephone line was "Please enter your mailbox number." Since the undersigned does not have a mailbox number for this system, there was no way that the system could be accessed.

In the meantime, applicants are still awaiting the Examiner's decision

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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